

Dear Connecticut General Assembly Committee on Energy and Technology,

I strongly support increasing access to electric vehicles in Connecticut, but as written, I cannot support H.B. 5510. The bill puts unnecessary barriers for EV adoption in place, and by providing unclear definitions, it duplicates and contradicts existing laws and regulations.

By removing existing barriers to owning electric vehicles, we can enable more Connecticut residents to drive electric. But instead of removing barriers, this bill puts even more in place. If passed as written, Section 9 of the bill would charge owners of EV charging stations \$50 a year, thereby discouraging their installation. To get more EVs on the road, charging needs to be more convenient, not less. I urge you to remove Section 9 from the bill. Other harmful sections of the bill should be cut too, including sections 4, 7, 10, and 11. The language in these sections is overly confusing and duplicates or conflicts with other laws or regulations. Sections one and eight which define the different types of zero emission vehicles and details requirements for EV charging stations, have potential, but to really get EVs on the road, need to be strengthened.

To decrease dangerous climate pollution, electric vehicles need to be the easy and convenient transportation choice. If amended in these ways, H.B. 5510 has the ability to do just that and help reduce air and climate pollution in Connecticut.

Sincerely,

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